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FIENDISH CRIME IN OKLAHOMA

Half Witted Girl Assaulted After Her
Father and Uncle Were Beaten
Inseparably.

Newkirk, Okla., Sept. 17.—Alice, the 13-year-old daughter of Taylor Shepherd, of this place, was criminally assaulted in her home by a man unknown to the girl or her father, who first knocked her senseless with a club. The same treatment was given to Shepherd's brother, after which the assault was committed. The girl is in a precarious condition, and the populace of the town has organized a vigilance committee to scour the country for the girl's assailant.

J. W. Shepherd and Taylor Shepherd, brothers, are not expected to recover. They are 55 and 65 years old, respectively.

Alice Shepherd, aged 13, who is said to be half-witted, will recover. Deputy sheriffs, police officers and a posse of citizens are scouring the country today searching desperately for the fiend who committed the deed. The Shepherd brothers were still alive at noon yesterday. The Shepherds are painters and poor, but highly respected citizens.

Alice, the half-witted daughter of J. W. Shepherd, had been keeping house for her father and uncle for some time past.

It is believed revenge was the motive of the crime, though a sister of the men says she knows of no one who had a real or fancied grievance against them. The doors to the house were not locked and the assailant had no trouble in entering. From the appearance of the wounds on the skulls of the victims the assault must have been made with a gas pipe or some such weapon. When discovered the men were weltering in their own blood and their brains were oozing out of the ghastly wounds. Four or five doctors made examinations and all declared there was no possible chance for the men, and that they were liable to die at any moment.

The condition of the girl, while serious, is not dangerous. Examinations by doctors showed the nature of the crime and that the fiend had accomplished his purpose. There are absolutely no clues to the assailant. There are few negroes in Newkirk, but at present a number of Mexicans are here working on the railroad, and some suspicion is held toward some of their number. If the person who committed the crime should be captured and his guilt proved, lynching is probable. The entire town and county is aroused.

J. W. Shepherd died last night and Taylor Shepherd, though still alive, is unconscious and not expected to live. Walter Cassidy, a 17-year-old boy, has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the crime.

IN BED THIRTY- FIVE YEARS

Remarkable Case of Indiana Farmer
Who Makes a Fortune in Spite
of Physical Disability.

Clay City, Ind., Sept. 17.—Joseph F. Adams, a Perry township farmer, has been very successful in business during the last thirty-five years, although he has not left his bed in that time. He was born in 1841 and has been in bed continuously since 1875.

During all the time of his confinement to bed he has managed and directed his affairs, buying, within the time, a farm of 200 acres, now one of the most desirable and valuable in Perry township, which, he says, can not be bought for less than \$200,000. At no time has he shown any indication of mental weakness or incapacity for business.

His ailment seems to be merely physical disability to remain on his feet. He is not paralyzed, and when he went to bed thirty-five years ago he simply said he was unable to get about and work. He lives, with his son, ten miles south of Brazil, his wife having died nearly forty years ago. Prior to his decline came the loss of audible speech, since which he has carried on conversation in whispers and by means of pencil and tablet, as his hearing is also perceptibly affected. Though now three-score and ten, his writing is as regular and clear cut as fifty years ago.

Adams' meals are served in bed, and he has eaten regularly three times a day. Not at any time during all the thirty-five years has he called a physician to prescribe for him or diagnose his case, nor taken a dose of medicine of any kind.

In his youth Adams was an apt student, in his earlier manhood a successful teacher in the public schools, and in 1870 was elected trustee of Sugar Ridge township. From the fall of 1861 he served in the Forty-third Indiana regiment until the close of the Civil war, participating in many engagements.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT.

Sheriff Conlee and Deputy Sheriff Ellis, of Caldwell, left this city yesterday afternoon in search of a negro who escaped from the county convict farm near Caldwell a short time ago. Late yesterday afternoon they struck a direct clue and followed him to Cameron ranch, but under cover of night he eluded them and was not recaptured until this morning, when they overtook him at Sutton. He was brought to Bryan and lodged in jail and will be returned to Burleson county at an early date.

FARMER SLUGGED AND ROBBED

Entertained Fiend Unawares, Who
Requites Hospitality with Dastardly Outrage.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 17.—J. D. Huggins, a farmer living two miles north of Mansfield, was knocked unconscious and robbed near Shaw's dairy, on the Mansfield road, at daylight Friday by a stranger whom he had entertained as a guest in his home Thursday night.

The robber secured \$80 from his erstwhile host. As soon as Huggins recovered consciousness he made his way to the dairy and the sheriff's office was notified. Sheriff Sweet, with a dozen deputies and a posse of twenty-five citizens, whom he pressed into service, immediately took the trail, led by Marshal Cone's dogs from Arlington, and are now searching the bottoms of Sycamore creek and Trinity river for the daring highwayman.

From the description given by Huggins, it is believed that the robber is one of the two men who Wednesday noon held up and robbed W. M. Richardson, a peddler, one mile east of Handley.

The highwayman came to the Huggins home after sundown Thursday. He was travel worn, and had apparently walked a long way. He asked the farmer for a job picking cotton. Huggins replied that his crop was short and that he had all the pickers he wanted.

"Then let me stay all night. I am mighty tired and I can't walk any further," the stranger said.

Huggins lives in a small house and has a large family, but he took the man in and gave him his supper and a bed. When the man learned that Huggins would drive into Fort Worth Friday morning he asked to go along. "If I can't get a job in this county I will go up to Denton county, where the crops are better," he explained.

In order to make the sixteen-mile drive, Huggins started to town in his wagon at 4 o'clock Friday morning, accompanied by the man.

The two had reached the Trinity bottoms south of the Shaw Brothers dairy, when, without warning, the man pulled a pistol from his pocket and swung viciously at Huggins' head.

The robber must have struck two more blows, as Huggins bears a deep gash on his cheek, as though from the hammer of a pistol, and a bruise on his shoulder. The bruise may have been caused by falling from the wagon.

When Huggins regained consciousness he was lying in the dusty road. His team was running down the road and he saw George Shine, living near the dairy, stop his mules. Then he discovered that his wallet, containing the price of his first load of cotton, was gone from his pocket.

The robber is a short, wiry man, weighing about 120 pounds. He has a four days' growth of black beard on his face, and his hair is also black. He wears gray trousers, with a narrow stripe, and a blue shirt, without a coat. Low-cut shoes and tan socks, with small white dots, complete the description furnished by Huggins. The pistol was worn concealed under his shirt.

Huggins' wounds are painful, but not serious. He owns a small farm on Rural Route No. 4, out of Mansfield.

WOMAN KILLS WOLF.

It Bit Her Twice, but She Finished
It with a Fence Rail.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 17.—In killing a big wolf, which had strayed into her yard Thursday and was attempting to make a meal off a small pig, Mrs. Lula Christian, of Handley, was bitten twice, receiving a deep wound in each hand.

Mrs. Christian who is the wife of J. E. Christian, a carpenter working on the Majestic building, had just returned from a visit to one of her neighbors about 11 o'clock Thursday morning when she found the wolf in the pig pen back of the house. Mrs. Christian picked up a piece of a fence post and hit the animal three times and managed to kill it after being bitten.

As soon as the animal was dead Mrs. Christian came to town and had the wounds cauterized.

COL. A. J. HOUSTON IN BRYAN

Col. Andrew Jackson Houston, youngest son of the Hero of San Jacinto and namesake of "Old Hickory," arrived on the northbound Hustler at 2:40 p. m. Friday, and was met at the Houston & Texas Central depot by Mr. Joe B. Reed, a staunch personal and political friend. During the afternoon the distinguished visitor met many old friends and many other citizens of Bryan took advantage of the opportunity to shake hands with him. He is not hard to get acquainted with; dignified and self-possessed always, there is no stiffness or constraint in his manner. In conversation with the editor he referred to the fact that The Eagle was the first newspaper to comment on his candidacy, saying that he owed his nomination to the great name he had inherited. "You may say," he added, "that I am only an ordinary man; I never claimed to be anything more." This was said not only without resentment or bitterness, but with a smile and with an air of perfect sincerity. His democratic proclivities are an inheritance from his illustrious father, who had a contempt for anything that savored of aristocracy.

At 5 p. m. Colonel Houston addressed the people assembled on Main street, in front of J. A. Meyers' hardware store. There was some delay in getting the crowd together and securing order. Colonel Houston began with the remark that the circumstances showed how anxious he was for an opportunity to talk to the people. In his walk along Main street he was impressed with the fact that Bryan is a very busy little city. He was very favorably impressed by the appearance of what he saw and with the reception accorded him by the business men. It was gratifying to have the opportunity to meet and talk with such people. Bryan people possess in a high degree the Texas characteristic of meeting a man face to face and looking him squarely in the eyes.

As a Texan he felt proud of the eminence Bryan has attained as an educational center. He paid a handsome tribute to the A. & M. College and spoke in high praise of the alumni, who are leaders in the development of Texas and the great Southwest.

Bryan is also a commercial center, situated in the heart of one of the richest agricultural regions on earth, the chief product of which is the world's great staple, cotton. Bryan ought to be a manufacturing center; the cotton ought not to be sent to the East and to Europe to be made into fabrics and sent back to be sold at enormous profit to the people who produced it.

By an easy transition Colonel Houston passed to his main theme—prohibition. Bryan must have factories and it was essential that the employees of the great hives of industry that will be built here must be sober, they must be surrounded by the necessary safeguards to insure this condition. There are a few who are strong enough to resist temptation, but most men are weak, and it is the duty of all good citizens to remove the temptation so that they will not have to fight against it.

There are two questions that every man should ask and answer for himself: Whom does the liquor traffic help? And whom does it hurt? He had no unkind word to say against the saloonkeeper. When he held the office of United States marshal he appointed two saloonkeepers as deputies, but had required a pledge—which they had kept—that they would not sell or drink liquor. There was nothing that he would not do to help the saloon man if he would abandon his hurtful business and engage in some calling that is beneficial to humanity.

There is in Texas a strong sentiment in favor of prohibition, and Colonel Houston believes that if all citizens would vote their honest convictions the majority for statewide prohibition would be large. But many who voted in the democratic primary were hampered by what they conceived to be a pledge to support the nominees of that party. But both Senator Bailey and Mr. Colquitt, the democratic nominee for governor, had taken the position that platforms are not binding. A platform is a pledge of the party; if it is not binding on the bosses neither is a primary pledge binding on the "little fellows." Gen. Robert E. Lee, as an army officer before the war, had taken an oath to support the constitution of the United States, yet nobody blamed him for disregarding it when his conscience

Condensed Report of the Condition of
THE
City National Bank
of Bryan, Texas

As made to the Comptroller of the Currency at the close of business, Sept. 1, 1910.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$349,688.32
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	102,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Cash	218,468.30
	\$672,156.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits (earned)	117,981.45
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	454,175.17
	\$672,156.62

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Brazos

I, Albert W. Wilkerson, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct Attest:
G. S. Parker
E. H. Astin
J. K. Parker

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd day of Sept. 1910. F. L. CAVITT,
Notary Public, Brazos County, Texas.

Directors

told him that his first allegiance was due to the state of Virginia. General Lee had fought to protect his home from the invader, and you are under the same obligation to protect your homes from a worse destroyer than an invading army. Here Colonel Houston portrayed the evils of intemperance in forcible language.

Does prohibition prohibit? Colonel Houston cited many instances to prove that it does, especially emphasizing the case of Kansas. In this connection he argued that prohibitionists and conscientious antis obey the law, and that those who violate any law whether they like it or not are criminals.

The situation in Bryan is essentially the same as that in the large cities. If prohibition is enforced in Leavenworth, as Governor Stubbs and the state superintendent of public instruction testify, why can it not be enforced in Bryan? Prohibition is not a theory but a fact.

You clamor loudly for personal liberty, but have you ever thought that we also are entitled to this same right. What have we to endure? What invasions of our most sacred liberties by the liquor traffic? It goes into our homes and robs us of our sons, not to mention the impoverishing of our families. We quarantine against yellow fever and other epidemics, yet the liquor traffic is a thousand times worse. Unlike epidemics which are confined to limited areas, it extends all over the land with its destroying and desolating influence. Give us a share of personal liberty. Give us a trial, and if we fail it cannot be worse than it is.

There are two kinds of antis: some are conscientious, and these we hope to convert. Those who are such from selfish motives we can not reach. But selfishness ought not to be allowed to control. Tennessee, torn by internal factions, was cited as an example of the terrible consequences of having a governor who disregarded the law, and the prediction was made that if Colquitt was elected and prohibition was submitted and carried (which it will be) Texas will be in an equally deplorable condition. Texas is the greatest state in the Union and has responsibilities commensurate with her opportunities. Texas must show other states she has men strong enough and brave enough to grapple with and conquer this gigantic evil.

ROW IN LOUISIANA CAMPS OF U. C. V.

Washington Artillery Camp of New Orleans Withdraws After Stating Its Reasons.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 17.—Passing resolutions condemning the action of the Louisiana division of the United Confederate Veterans at a meeting held in Alexandria, La., September 5-10 last year, when they attempted to change the date of Memorial Day to June 3 "without due notice," and declaring that the law passed by the Louisiana legislature requesting veterans to write their own records, is

being taken advantage of by some veterans to secure pensions undeservedly. Washington Artillery Camp No. 15 decided yesterday to withdraw its membership in that body. They declare that the law which seeks to establish facts of historical interest to the state "extends too great latitude for the purpose of compiling correct history, and we deplore conditions in the Louisiana division that inspire veterans to make the Confederate cause a medium through which pecuniary benefit is obtained, and appeal to the board of pensions that we deem the records now being compiled as not only valueless but hurtful in establishing the truth of history, unless official records only shall be consulted and not furnished by the memory of individuals."

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